

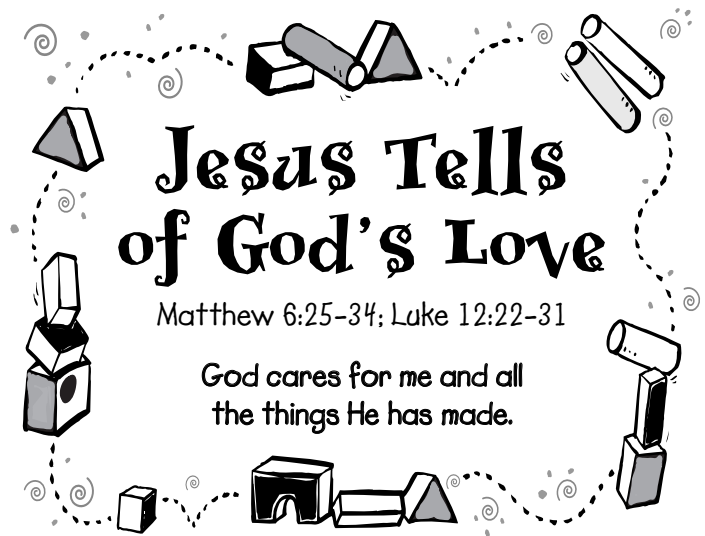
# Flower Gardens

## Collect

Bible, a length of butcher paper, markers, glue, muffin cup liners.

## Do

Place paper on floor or tabletop. Invite children to create a garden scene by drawing flowers or gluing muffin cup liners to drawn stems to create flowers on the paper.

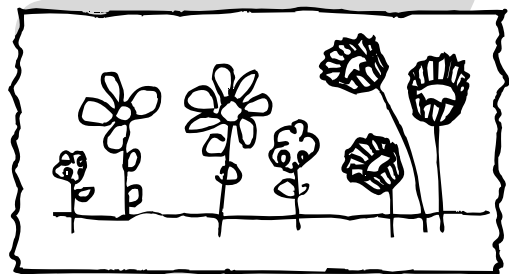
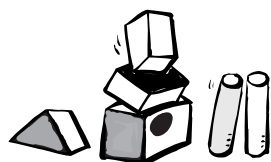


## Talk About

- ☀ Today in our Bible story, Jesus told about the ways God cares for flowers. We are going to make a flower garden to help us remember how God cares for flowers and that He cares for us even more.
- ☀ Max, I see you are drawing blue flowers. What does God send to help flowers grow? (Rain. Sun.) God takes care of flowers. God takes care of you, too. Who does God give you to help you?
- ☀ Kelli, who lives with you? God cares for you by giving you a mom and a dad. Let's thank Him. Pray briefly.

## Enrichment Ideas

1. Each child chooses a number between four and eight and then draws flowers having the chosen number of petals.
2. Before class, cut flower petals from green construction paper. Children glue green chenille wire under flowers for stems and glue petals along the length of stems.





# Jesus Tells of God's Love

Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-31

One day Jesus was sitting on a hill talking with His friends. "Look at those birds up in the sky," Jesus said. "Just think about those birds." Jesus' friends watched as the birds flew high in the air. The birds ate the grain that grew in the fields. At night they had a place to sleep in the trees.

"Those birds don't plant the seeds they eat," Jesus said. "But God, your Father in heaven, feeds each one. He cares about them."

Then Jesus might have bent down and picked a beautiful flower. "Think about the way the flowers grow," Jesus said. "Flowers don't sew their leaves onto their stems with a needle and thread. Yet even kings do not wear clothes as beautiful as this flower." Jesus' friends listened.

Then Jesus said, "God makes beautiful flowers. And He cares about them. He sends rain. He sends the warm sun to help the flowers grow. If God does that for the flowers, He will surely take care of you! He loves you much more than birds and flowers. Do not worry about what to eat or what to wear. Our Father in heaven knows just what you need. Always try to love and obey God. He will take care of you. He loves you."